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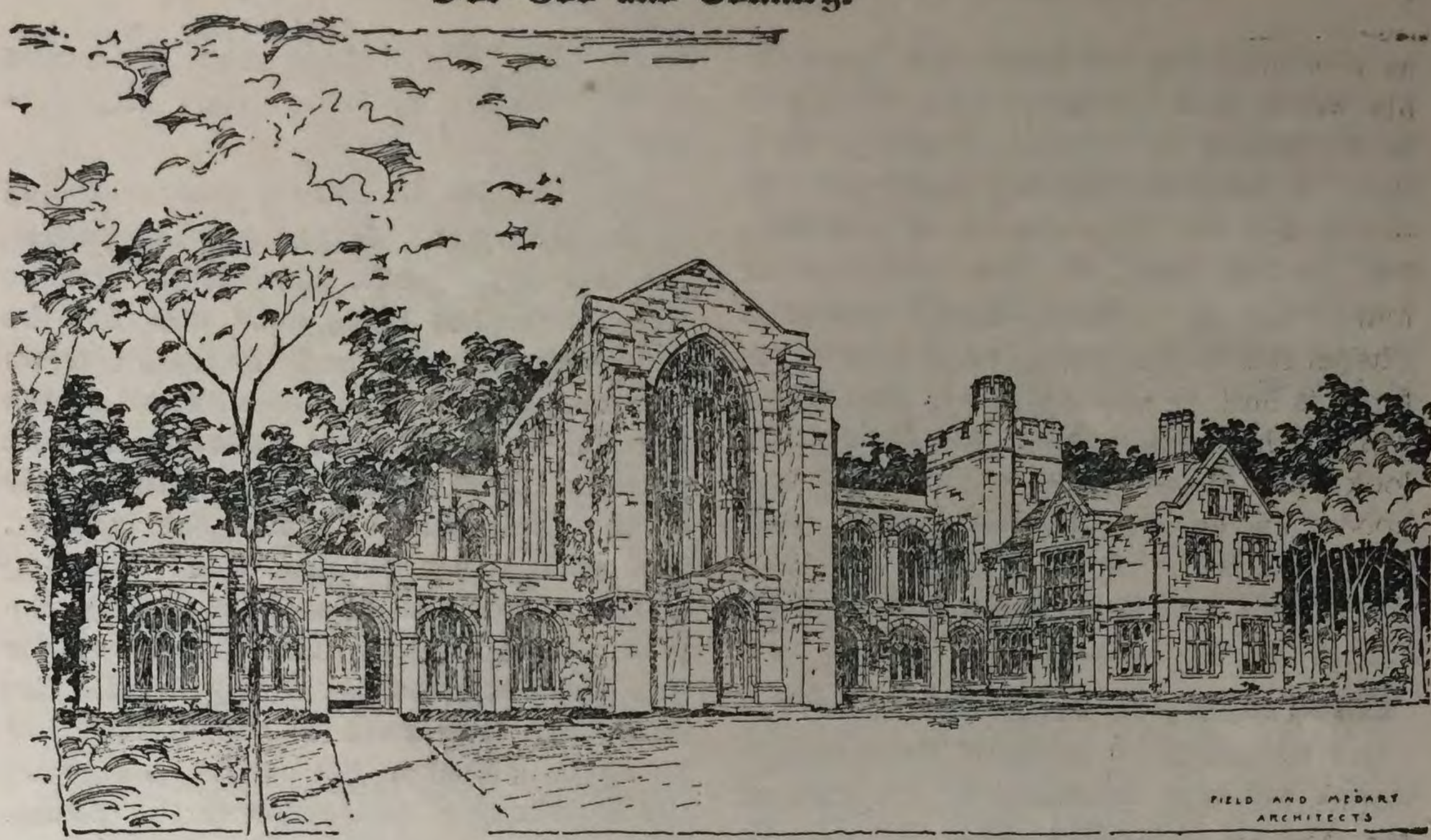

Cloister of the Colonies. Washington Memorial Chapel. Patriots' Hall. Tower and Rectory.

"No spot on earth—not the plains of Marathon, nor the passes of Sempach, nor the place of the Bastile, nor the dykes of Holland, nor the moors of England—is so sacred in the history of the struggle for human liberty as Valley Forge."

—CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY.

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The Man We Honor.

Washington's Birthday is near at hand and a nation that calls him "Father" will hallow the day. Wherever the flag floats men's thoughts will be of him, and their thankfulness will be in proportion to their knowledge of God, of the Nation, and of the Man.

To the builders of the Washington Memorial Chapel the day will dawn most brightly, for their work is wrought with love for the Man, with reverence for his memory, but most of all with gratitude to God who trained him, called him, and blessed him for America's glory.

Washington, the man of the sword, or of the plow, or of the pen, even, most Americans know and honor. At Valley Forge we know him as the man of prayer, —devout, reverent, and trustful. In the lonely forest and in the house of worship he sought God and found Him. He built a church first; then a republic. He gave the gold for the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments on the church wall; then ruled a nation through prayer and in righteousness.

We join with others in the praise of Washington as a general and as a statesman; we honor him as commander and

as president, but we honor him more for his worth as a Christian man, strong in faith, humble in service, waiting upon God. If Lord Brougham's judgment be sound, and the "appreciation of Washington" be the "test of the progress of mankind," the Washington Memorial Chapel marks the beginning of a new era, for it is built in appreciation of that moral worth which made Gladstone declare: "I look upon Washington, among great and good men, as one peculiarly good and great: he has been to me for more than forty years a light upon the path of life."

The Washington Memorial Library.

Our collection of Authors' Presentation Copies has been increased by the gifts of Mr. Andrew Carnegie and Mr. J. G. Rosengarten.

Mr. Carnegie's reputation as a successful business man and philanthropist is so great that his other claims to greatness are often overlooked. The three volumes of his writings which he recently presented to the library attest to his power as an author. The volumes are his famous "Gospel of Wealth," "James Watt," and "Problems of To-Day."

These volumes are marked by serious thoughtfulness and are written with a wholesome optimism, born of a keen appreciation of the best in American life. We are glad to place these books on our shelves, as in addition to their intrinsic worth they will have an important part in teaching the gospel of work, of which Mr. Carnegie is not only a preacher, but also a worthy example.

"The German Soldier in the Wars of the United States" and "French Colonists in the United States," by J. G. Rosengarten, are important contributions to our national history. They represent long years of patient study of sources, quickened by a keen appreciation of the men whose lives of service are veiled in the brief records of the nation. One feels in reading Mr. Rosengarten's works that what he has told is only a part of the story—that back of these pages lies a fund of information by which they might be multiplied many times.

Mrs. Charles D. Barney has presented to the library the biography of her father, the late Jay Cooke. Dr. Ellis Paxson Oberholtzer has made good use of the abundant material, and the result is an able and appreciative presentation of the life and work of one of America's noblest patriots. The biography presents a side of the Civil War of which the mass of the people know nothing. The financing of the war demanded more skill than the planning of military manouvers, and for this Mr. Cook was peculiarly fitted. His patriotism was taxed to the utmost, but he never lagged in his efforts to support the Government and preserve the Union. Such services as these demand public recognition, and every real patriot must lament the fact that the two national heroes of finance have not been honored as they deserve. It is right to honor the leaders who have led their men to victory in the hard-fought battles for liberty and for the Union, but the men who supplied the sinews of war ought to share in those honors. Washington was dependent upon Robert Morris, and yet there is scarcely a monument to mark the services of that martyr. The Robert Morris window in the Washington Memorial Chapel will be one of the very first memorials of that great financier of the Revolution. Grant was dependent upon Jay Cook; the general is honored and the financier forgotten.

Dr. Oberholtzer's biography is one of the works of that truer historic sense which is not blinded in its estimates by the glamor of gold cords, or martial trappings.

Through the courtesy of the Hon. John Cadwalader, President General of the General Society of the War of 1812, we are able to add to our record of patriotism the Constitution and Register of that important society, June 1, 1908.

The Empire State Society, Sons of the

American Revolution, has presented to the Library the following of its publications: "The Treaty of Alliance between France and the United States"; "Register for 1899"; "Medal List of Sons of the American Revolution who Served in the War With Spain"; "Address of Hon. Wheeler H. Peckham; "Address of Rev. Henry Elliott Mott, D. D."; "Address by Rev. Joseph Silverman, D. D."; "Sermon by Rev. Frank Oliver Hall, D. D."; "Address by William H. Henry"; "Sermon by Rev. Frank Oliver Hall, D. D."; "Fort Washington"; "Fort Washington, 1901"; "Addresses and Sermons, 1906-7"; "Year Book, 1907-8"; "Year Book, 1908-9"; "Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission."

Mr. Richard M. Cadwalader, a member of the special commission appointed to erect at Valley Forge an equestrian statue of General Wayne, has presented the report of that commission. The report gives an account of the work of the commission and the dedication on June 20, 1908. Ex-Governor Pennypacker was the orator on that occasion and his memorable tribute to Wayne is given in its entirety.

A Valley Forge Trolley.

Visitors to Valley Forge have long complained of the lack of facilities for reaching the encampment. Last year the Reading Railway gave a better train service, but it is far from ideal.

Now we are promised a trolley route which will make the Park what the State intended it to be—for the people. It is understood that the Commission will no longer oppose the building of a trolley, and if property owners manifest their patriotism by their aid to the project, the road will be built at once. The route proposed is from Phoenixville to Bridgeport, via Valley Forge, Port Kennedy and King of Prussia.

"The Phoenixville, Valley Forge & Strafford Electric Railway Company," of which Mr. Thomas E. O'Connell is president, in building this road will benefit the communities mentioned, give pleasure to thousands of American patriots, open up a most beautiful region for suburban residence, and at the same time make a good investment.

The Defenders' Gate.

Nothing has been said of this important monument for some time, as it has been necessary to carefully consider the plans for its erection. Those interested in this memorial of the Heroes of Three Wars and the Patriots of the Republic are happy to announce that the following Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic have officially endorsed its erection, and have each contributed five dollars for this work: Stevens Post, No. 69, Rome, Pa.; Kt. Josiah White Post, No. 45, Phoenixville, Pa.; A. G. Reed Post, No. 105 Butler, Pa.; and George G. Meade Post No. 1, Philadelphia.

A very tasteful certificate bearing the cut of the Gate and the Chapel seal has been prepared. These certificates are issued to all persons contributing one dollar or more.

Washington's Birthday.

Washington's Birthday will be celebrated at the Chapel by a special patriotic service on the night of the twenty-second. The service will be under the auspices of Washington Camp, No. 150, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. This Valley Forge Camp has invited the Camps at Phoenixville, Norristown, and other places to participate in the service, which will be conducted by the Rev Francis T. H. Finn. The Rev. Henry Martyn Medary, Rector of the George W. South Memorial Church of the Advocate, Philadelphia, will preach the sermon.

The Sunday School will serve luncheon from 1 to 3 o'clock, and supper from 5 to 7.

"'Washington is to my mind the purest figure in history."—Gladstone.

Washington Memorial Chapel,
Valley Forge, Pa.

THE REV. W. HERBERT BURK
MINISTER IN CHARGE,
ALL SAINTS RECTORY, NORRISTOWN.
THE REV. FRANCIS T. H. FINN
ASSISTANT,
PORT KENNEDY.

The Lenten Services.

In a special edition of "The All Saints' Pastoral" the following announcement of the services this Lent was made:

At the Chapel there will be services every Saturday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. The preachers will be as follows:

February 12, Rev. H. K. B. Ogle, Chapel of the Prince of Peace, Philadelphia.
February 19, Rev. Chas. B. Dubell, St. Thomas' Church, Glassboro, N. J.
February 26, Rev. W. J. Cox, Grace Church Chapel, Philadelphia.
March 5, Rev. Jules L. Prevost, M. D., St. Ambrose Chapel, Philadelphia.
March 12, Rev. E. J. Hayward, St. Stephen's Church, Camden, N. J.
March 19, Rev. George J. Wallenta, St. John's Church, Norristown.
March 26, Rev. W. Herbert Burk.

On Wednesday afternoons at 3 o'clock, there will be services in Stewart Fund Hall, King-of-Prussia, when the following will preach:

Ash Wednesday, February 9, Rev. W. P. Remington, Church of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia.
February 16, Mr. N. B. Groton, the Divinity School, Philadelphia.
February 23, Rev. Waldemar Jansen, Jr., St. Bartholomew's Chapel, Philadelphia.
March 2, Rev. Robert J. McFetridge, Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr.
March 9, Rev. F. J. Clark, St. Barnabas' Church, Reading.
March 16, Rev. R. Marshall Harrison, Philadelphia.
March 23, Rev. W. Herbert Burk.

In a pastoral letter the clergy of the Mission urged all the members to make such sacrifices as would enable them to receive the largest measure of help for their religious life through the ministry of those who so generously gave their time and strength for them.

Honor Roll for January, 1910.

The names of those missing no session of the Sunday school during the month of January follow:

BIBLE CLASS.—Mr. E. T. Boggs, teacher. Mrs. Pechin, John Warriner, Miss Jane Stoddart, Mrs. John Warriner.

GIRLS' CLASS.—Miss A. W. Pechin, teacher. Carrie Reifinger, Esther Whetland, Alva Andrews, Martha Andrews, Eleanor Andrews.

BOYS' CLASS.—Rev. F. T. H. Finn, teacher. Francis Fenimore, Jr., David Beynon, Willie Stephens, John Colgan, Charles A. Gebhardt, John Hughes, George Douglas, James Quander.

INFANT CLASS.—Miss M. S. Stephens, teacher. Margretta Gebhardt.

The regular monthly meeting of the Guild was held at Stewart Fund Hall, King-of-Prussia. Most of those present went in the morning to sew on the rag carpet. Roll call showed an attendance of twenty members and two guests. Mrs. Chas. Wells Walker, Head of Missionary Chapter, reported that a Mission study class would be held during Lent for the members of the Women's Auxiliary. Miss Hibbs, of Norristown, very kindly offered to conduct the class. The work on the rag carpet was so successful that it was decided to meet again two weeks later to continue sewing.

The meeting adjourned to meet the first Wednesday in March at Stewart Fund Hall, King-of-Prussia. Owing to service, the meeting will open promptly at two o'clock.

The Mission study class met at Mrs. Chas. Wells Walker's, Thursday, Feb. 10th. The condition of the roads and illness kept some of the members away. Notwithstanding, seven were present, a

very good showing for the first meeting. A very helpful and encouraging letter from the rector was read, expressing his approval of the study of missions, especially Foreign Missions, laying emphasis on the fact that not to believe in missions is only an "expression of ignorance"—we know that old St. David's Church was one of the early foreign missions in this country. The class will continue to meet regularly at Mrs. Walker's each Thursday afternoon during Lent—and will be conducted by Miss Hibbs of All Saints', Norristown.

The Women's Auxiliary to the Convocation of Norristown, met with the Convocation at St. Paul's Church, Ogontz, on Thursday, Feb. 3d. The attendance of the delegates was very good. The usual procedure of business was followed. The most important decisions were in regard to the disbursements of the funds in the treasury and the bestowal of the annual special offering. It was decided that part of the money should go to the Convocation for the payment of the rural missionary, and the special offering, of three dollars a parish, should be given the Lansdale mission. Notice will be given later of the annual meeting, to which all members of the Auxiliary are cordially invited.

The Lilla S. Pechin Stamp Collection.

Miss Lilla S. Pechin has entirely re-arranged her collection of United States stamps. The collection is now one of the most valuable in the country, and will be an important contribution to the Museum, illustrating as it does, so much of our national history. In the re-arrangement Miss Pechin has largely increased her original gift. The collection is worth over $2500.

"First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen, he was second to none in the humble and endearing scenes of private life."—Henry Lee.

THE PATRIOTS' HALL.

Mrs. Edmund Chase Bassick, nee Webb, Bridgeport, Conn.	$ 5 00
Isabella E. Austin, Suffield, Conn.	1 00
Jennie C. Storr, Philadelphia, Pa.	1 00
Rebecca Chapman, Washington, D. C.	1 00
Mrs. W. C. Beeman, New Milford, Conn.	1 00
Elizabeth Febiger Beebe, New Haven, Conn.	1 00
Anna M. Aldrich, Washington, D. C.	1 00
Caroline Seely Benedict, Wilmington, Del.	1 00
Eliazbeth Towson Bullock, Washington, D. C.	1 00
Anna Chittenden Duncan, Lakehurst, N. J.	1 00
Anna B. Crane, Montclair, N. J.	1 00
Mary Mackenzie Childs, South Carolina	1 00
M. J. S. Moore, Haddonfield, N. J.	2 00
Mrs. Ludlow Barker, Hartford, Conn.	1 00
Mary Barton Picton Garnett, Hoboken, N. J.	5 00
Mrs. James H. Beal, Boston, Mass.	5 00
Sarah Remsen Oliphant Falkinburgh, Jersey City, N. J.	1 00
Sarah Sheppard Fithian, Bridgeton, N. J.	1 00
Mrs. Wilmon W. Blackmar, Boston, Mass.	5 00
Mrs. Lemuel Call (Mary Clark) Barnes, Yonkers, N. Y.	1 00
Grace Woods Slocum, Providence, R. I.	1 00
Henrietta Packard Munroe, Providence, R. I.	1 00
Mrs. Albert K. Sherman, Newport, R. I.	1 00
Wm. C. Greene, Providence, R. I.	3 00
Mrs. Joseph S. Bigelow, Cohasset, Mass.	1 00
Mary Olivia Casement, Colorado Springs, Colo.	1 00
Margaret Arnold Robinson, Wakefield, R. I.	1 00

Mrs. C. B. Benson, Minetta, N. Y...	1 00
	$47 00
Previously reported	692 00
	$739 00

A Massachusetts Monument.

The following resolve accompanied a petition presented by Mr. Walter Gilman Page to the Legislature of Massachusetts:

"Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth for the erection of a suitable shaft at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, in memory of the officers and men from Massachusetts who served there, the sum of ten thousand dollars, the same to be expended under the direction of a commission of three persons to be appointed by the governor."

The Military Committee held a hearing on February 9, at which the Societies of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution were represented. The arguments presented were well received, and it is believed favorable action will be taken.

On the first of February our list of Founders of the Patriots' Hall passed the five-hundred mark. The total contributions of these patriots have amounted to $728. Unfortunately the expense of raising this amount has been excessively large, due to the fact that only a small proportion of those to whom appeals are sent respond. This is the more remarkable because the appeals are for one dollar and are addressed to those who are members of patriotic societies, and the object is one of pure patriotism in the most revered spot in America. A booklet containing the names of this honor roll of patriotism will be published in the near future, making the first section of the "Book of the Founders."

Valley Forge Museum of American History.

PERPETUAL PATRONS AND PATRONESSES.

(Those who have contributed $200 to the Endowment Fund.)

Miss Sarah R. Chew,* New Jersey.

LIFE PATRONS AND PATRONESSES.

(Those who have contributed $50 to the Endowment Fund.)

Mrs. Erastus Gaylord Putnam, New Jersey.

BENEFACTORS, 1910.

(Those who have contributed $1.00 or more for the maintenance of the Museum for 1910.)

Miss Eleanor H. Stroud, Pa.....	$2 50
Miss Marian H. Maurice, Ga.....	1 00
Mrs. Samuel Ames, R. I.	1 00
Mrs. A. Graham Reed, Pa.	1 00
Mrs. John Collins Bliss, N. Y.....	1 00
Mrs. Frank Larkin, R. I.	1 00
Mrs. Abraham Walker, Pa.	1 00
Miss Caroline Hebenthal, N. J.....	1 00

*Payment on account.

Pews of the Patriots.

Three more Pews of the Patriots have been placed in the Chapel. These commemorate the Rev. Robert Blackwell, D. D., General James Potter, and Dr. James Hutchinson. The interior of the Chapel grows more dignified as these handsome memorials are added. At present there are fifteen in place.

The erection of bays in the "Cloister of the Colonies" is under consideration in Delaware, New York and Rhode Island. To have a bay ready for dedication on Memorial Day will require prompt action, as much time is required for the construction of one of these beautiful memorials.

Begin now collecting for the annual spring rummage sale.

A VALLEY FORGE ORDERLY BOOK.

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horse the property of the united States Annex'd to the Differt. Regiemts or Employ'd by the Commissas. of Brigades are to be deliv'd up to the QMG at the Place & Manner above directed the whole to be then Arranged and Appropriated in such a Manner As the Qr. M. G. . . . & the Forrage Mr. Genl. shall think best calculated To Supply the Army with Forrage & fewell and perform other Camp dutys a Sufficient number of Waggons will be Immediately Returned to the Brigades for the Service of The Camp while a more Compleat Arrangement is making.

It having been Represented by the QMG that A great Number of Saddle Horses have been drawn Out at different times by Officers.—Qr. Mr. Commissaries & Wagon Mrs. from various services and never Returned.—

The Commander in Chief expressly orders that such be Return'd to the QMG upon the day and at the place above Mentioned; when he will allow such to Retain them As Appears to have real Necessity from their Occupation for their Service.—At a Genl. Council of the Brigadier Genls. and officers Commanding Brigades In obedience to yesterday's order, have Reported as follows 1st. That the Commissaries of their Respective Brigades Retain their Hides subject to the disposal of their Brigds. Giveing an Acct. from time to Time to the Commissary of Hides, that the Brigadiers from the present exergency Send an officer from each Brigade into the Country to Exchange Hides for shoes.—Hides for four pence per pound. for Shoes 10 Shillings per pair that the Expences be defray'd By a Draught upon the Q. M. G.—that the Commanding officers of Regts. give Receipts to their Respective Brigadiers who will deliver the same to the Clothr. Genl.

2nd. That the Brigades who are found with Armourers & tools have their Bayonetts made in the Brigade, and That those who cannot provide Armourers & tools purchase Bayonetts from the Country Artificers in the best manner Possible.—

3rd. That the Qr. M. G. be directed to cause espontoons or Pikes Made for officers, the staff 6 feet Long & One Inch & ¼ Diameter in the largest part and that the Iron part be One foot long.—The Commander in Chief excepts off and Approves the above Report and orders it to take place in every Respect. At a Division Court Martial held the 15th Inst. whereof Lieut. Colo. Ballard was presidit Capt. Laubatt of the 17th Virginia Regt. Tryed for Stealing a Hatt from Capt. Allis, found Guilty & unanimously Sentenced to be Cashiered & that it be deemed scandelous for an officer to associate with him in future & that his Crime, Name, Place of Abode & punishment be published In & about Camp and in the Newspaper of every State particularly the State he belongs to & that he pay Capt. Allis 30 dollars for the Hatt he stole of him also the Expence of the Witnesses against him & the Expences of an Express Sent for the Witnesses which shall be paid before he is Released from his confinement.—The Commander in Chief approves the Sentence and orders it to take place Immediately.—

Head Quarters Valley Forge Jany 19th. 1778.
Major Genl.....Tomorrow.....Lord Stirling
Brigadier.....Weeden
Field officers.....Colo. Livingston Majr. Conway
Brigade Major.....Alden

At a Brigade Court Martial held 17th Inst. wherof Major Ryan was president. —Francis Minnis a Soldier in the First Pensylvania Regt. Tryed for Repeated desertion Found Guilty and unanimously Sentenced to suffer death In such manner as shall be ordered by the Commander In Chief. His Excellency the Commander In Chief Approves the Sentence.—Provision to be Issued to the Troops up to next

Thursday Inclusive.—Detachments sent On Command from the time they March no provision To be drawn for them by the Regiemental Qr. Masters till Their Return.—The Brigade Majors will not delay attending at the Adjt. Generals office Precisely at 12 o'clock.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

History of the Valley Forge.

BY HENRY WOODMAN.

[From Norristown Herald July 3 1850. (Bucks County Intelligencer.)]

LETTER IV.

I do not know the precise date of the burning of the Valley Forge, but it occurred between the interval of time between the battles of Brandywine and Germantown, and but a short time previous to the massacre at the Paoli.

My mother, though not an eye-witness to the scene, or conflagration, was placed in a situation on that day which made her a prominent character on the occasion.

She had been on a perilous embassy, which having accomplished on her return home, had to pass the place on that day, and but a short time previous to the perpetration of the deed. Having in passing the place, beheld the hurry, bustle and confusion attendant upon the removal of the stores belonging to the army to the other side of the river, she often used to relate it; and from this information I shall now proceed to insert it here.

I consider the circumstances of this journey of sufficient interest to claim a place in this narrative, as they will show the present generation, now lolling in ease and enjoyment, the difficulties that had then to be, through necessity encountered often by tender and delicate females, and through how much they sometimes persevered in order to overcome them.

It has been observed that the Valley Forge was burned between the battles of Brandywine and Germantown. Soon after the battle of Brandywine, the sick and wounded were for a short time conveyed to Philadelphia, and the American army under Washington, were marched to Skippack, in the county of Montgomery.

General Howe, with that part of the British army under his command, encamped for a few days at the house of Samuel Richards in the great valley, about three miles southeast of the Valley Forge.

Kniphausen, who had the command of the Hessians, had his quarters at the house of a respectable German named Jacob Fricke, on the adjoining farm. The Hessians during their stay at the place were troublesome neighbors.

They committed many depredations and thefts—entering with impunity into houses, taking everything valuable they could lay their hands on, after jeopardizing the lives, and spreading dismay among the peaceable inhabitants, and rendering travelling dangerous and almost impracticable.

It was during this time that my mother, then not nineteen years of age, left home in company with her aunt, to go to the city of Philadelphia, in order to inquire among the sick and wounded soldiery in the hospitals and infirmaries, where they had been removed after the battle of Brandywine, and also among the soldiers quartered in the barracks, in order to ascertain whether a soldier, a cousin of hers and son of her aunt, in company with her, had been wounded in the engagement and removed there, as they had received no accounts from him for some time previous, and knowing that he had been attached to that part of the army that had been in the engagement, concluding that if not to be found in any of these places, he must either have been slain or taken prisoner, or be with the main body of the army, or in some place suffering want and sickness.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]